

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/555,349

Examiner

Q. Janice Li

Applicant(s)

TEDDER, THOMAS F.

Art Unit

1632

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/2/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 32 and 33.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Q. Janice Li
Primary Examiner
Art Unit: 1632

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the Remarks filed 12/2/2004. Claims 32 and 33 are pending in the application. In view of the arguments presented in the Remarks, the previous rejections in the Office action mailed 6/2/04 are withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Arles A. Taylor, Jr. on February 17, 2005.

The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 32. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a monoclonal antibody specific for an antigen, the method comprising:

- (a) providing immunizing a transgenic mouse whose genome comprises a DNA sequence encoding a CD19 operably linked to a promoter and overexpressing CD19 in antibody-producing cells, wherein said antibody-producing cells ~~with have disrupted peripheral tolerance, with an antigen to permit said antibody-producing cells to produce antibodies to the~~

- ~~antigen, wherein said antigen is selected from the group consisting of an autoantigen and a highly conserved antigen;~~
- (b) immunizing said transgenic mouse with an antigen to permit said antibody-producing cells to produce antibodies to the antigen, wherein said antigen is selected from the group consisting of an autoantigen and a highly conserved antigen;
- (~~c~~b) removing at least a portion of said antibody-producing cells from the mouse;
- (~~d~~e) forming a hybridoma by fusing one of the antibody-producing cells with an immortalizing cell wherein the hybridoma is capable of producing a monoclonal antibody to the antigen;
- (~~e~~d) propagating the hybridoma; and
- (~~f~~e) harvesting the monoclonal antibodies produced by the hybridoma.

The specification has been amended as follows:

In page 8, line 7, --Figures 2A-D-- was inserted in place of "Figure 2".

In page 8, line 16, --Figures 3A-B-- was inserted in place of "Figure 3".

In page 9, line 6, --Figures 5A-B-- was inserted in place of "Figure 5".

Conclusion

Claims 32 and 33 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Q. Janice Li** whose telephone number is 571-272-0730.

Art Unit: 1632

The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am - 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except every other Wednesday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Ram R. Shukla** can be reached on 571-272-0735. The fax numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are **571-273-8300**.

Any inquiry of formal matters can be directed to the patent analyst, **Dianiece Jacobs**, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0532.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

Patent applicants with problems or questions regarding electronic images that can be viewed in the Patent Application Information Retrieval system (PAIR) can now contact the USPTO's Patent Electronic Business Center (Patent EBC) for assistance. Representatives are available to answer your questions daily from 6 am to midnight (EST). The toll free number is (866) 217-9197. When calling please have your application serial or patent number, the type of document you are having an image problem with, the number of pages and the specific nature of the problem. The Patent Electronic Business Center will notify applicants of the resolution of the problem within 5-7 business days. Applicants can also check PAIR to confirm that the problem has been corrected. The USPTO's Patent Electronic Business Center is a complete service center supporting all patent business on the Internet. The USPTO's PAIR system provides Internet-based access to patent application status and history information. It

Art Unit: 1632

also enables applicants to view the scanned images of their own application file folder(s) as well as general patent information available to the public.

For all other customer support, please call the USPTO Call Center (UCC) at 800-786-9199.

Q. Janice Li
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 1632



February 17, 2005